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District: 5 - Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

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PILE DRIVING SCHEDULED FOR HWY. 101/41 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

ATASCADERO – The next phase of the Hwy. 101/41 interchange project will include pile driving **beginning Thursday, Nov. 20 from 9 am to 4 pm**, weather permitting.

This pile driving operation is scheduled to be complete on Wednesday, Nov. 26. No work is scheduled on weekends.

One lane remains closed in each direction on Hwy. 41 for the next two years as part of this project. The northbound on-ramp to Hwy. 101 is open for motorists headed westbound on Hwy. 41. The northbound on-ramp to Hwy. 101 remains closed to eastbound traffic on Hwy. 41.

This project will add a new northbound on-ramp to Hwy. 101, widen Hwy. 41 from four to six lanes and create a single bridge over Hwy. 41 that could accommodate a future widening. This project is expected to be complete by the end of 2010.

The contractor for this \$17 million project is Granite Construction of Watsonville, CA.

All local businesses in the project area remain open for business.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm>





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